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## REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application Serial No: 09/858,891

Filed: May 17, 2001

Examiner: Misook YU

Group: 1642

Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/858,891, filed May 17, 2001, of Xuri LI, Karin AASE and Ulf ERIKSSON, entitled METHODS FOR DETECTING FOR THE PRESENCE OF TUMOR CELLS AND FOR SCREENING FOR ANTI-TUMOR AGENTS.

- 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed, including 19 claims (28 pages), Sequence Listing (2 pages) and 6 Sheets of Formal Drawings showing Figs. 1-11. A copy of executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is also attached.
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- 3. Cancel in this application original Claims 1-16 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- 4. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee \$385/770 = \$770.00Total Claims 3 - 20 \$ 9/18 \$ х Independent Claims 3 3 \$43/86 x Multiple Dependent Claim Presented \$145/290 = Total Filing Fee \$770.00

- 5. A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- 6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. 029065.48885D1).
- 7. Kindly amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:
  - -- This application is a division of co-pending application Serial No. 09/858,891, filed May 17, 2001, and now U.S. Patent No. .--
- 8. The prior application is assigned to <u>Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research</u> and the assignment was recorded on September 17, 2001 at Reel 012165, Frame 0923.
- 9. Priority of US provisional application No. 60/204,748 filed on May 17, 2000 is claimed under 35 USC §119(e).
- 10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
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- 12. An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith, together with a copy of Form PTO-892 listing prior art made of record in the prior application.
- 13. Other items submitted herewith:

Application Data Sheet, and

Request for Transfer of Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing

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